

# MINUTES NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

<u>SUBCOMMITTEE</u>

Monday, January 25, 2021 8:00 a.m. 210 Senate Building

#### **Members Present:**

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair Rep. Scott H. Chew. House Vice Chair

Sen. David G. Buxton Sen. Gene Davis Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Sen. Daniel McCay Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht Rep. Stephen G. Handy

Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Phil Lyman

Rep. Doug Owens

Rep. Casey Snider

Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

#### **Members Absent:**

Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes

#### **Staff Present:**

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager Lacey K. Moore, Financial Analyst

Rafaela Eguiguren, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Rep. Chew assumed the chair.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

#### 1) Jan. 25th Detailed Agenda

#### 2. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Lacey Moore, Financial Analyst, gave an overview for the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

Dave Ure, Director, SITLA, presented the agency's performance and budget overview.

## 2) SITLA Presentation

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Sen. Iwamoto asked about the values assigned to smaller parcels and SITLA's priorities. Dave Ure responded.

Sen Buxton asked about the goal of the funds dispersed to school districts. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Albrecht asked about the solar and wind developments and the bonding requirements on these projects. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Lyman thanked Dave Ure for the presentation and shared his concerns on the influence of environmental organizations on private lands. Dave Ure responded.

Rep. Wilcox thanked Dave Ure for the presentation and for SITLA's work.

Rep. Stratton shared his thoughts on land evaluation.



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Sen. Hinkins asked for an update on Helium projects related to trust lands. Dave Ure responded.

Chair Chew commented on the scenic value of trust parcels in rural areas.

#### 3. New Funding Requests and Recommendations

Lacey Moore, Financial Analyst, presented the General Fund and Non-General Fund requests and recommendation summary document from the subcommittee Related Links.

#### 4. Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director's Office

Lacey Moore, Financial Analyst, presented an overview on Department of Environmental Quality.

#### 5) DEQ Executive Director's Office Presentation

Kim Shelley, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), presented the agency's mission, projects, and funding.

#### 5. Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control

#### 6) Waste Management and Radiation Control Presentation

Ty Howard, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, presented the division's programs, performance, and funding.

Sen. Iwamoto asked if the low level waste is sent to Energy Solutions. Ty Howard responded.

Rep. Albrecht asked about the number of waste tires cleaned up in the state. Ty Howard responded.

Rep. Handy asked for the difference between cleaned up and recycled tires. Ty Howard responded.

# 6. Division of Environmental Response and Remediation

#### 7) Environmental Response and Remediation Control Presentation

Brent Everett, Director, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, presented the division's mission, funding, and projects.

Rep. Barlow asked how much private entities contribute to reclamation projects before development occurs. Brent Everett responded.

# 7. Division of Air Quality

#### 8) Air Quality Presentation

Bryce Bird, Director, Utah Division of Air Quality, presented the division's performance, projects, and funding.

Rep. Albrecht asked if the division reports what amount wildfires have contributed to PM2.5 levels. Bryce Bird responded.

Rep. Barlow thanked Bryce Bird for the presentation and asked if the division was working to change public perception of the evolution of air quality in the Salt Lake Valley. Bryce Bird responded.



# 8. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-13Nays-0Absent-5Rep. C. AlbrechtSen. G. DavisRep. S. BarlowRep. T. HawkesSen. D. BuxtonSen. D. McCayRep. S. ChewSen. S. SandallRep. S. HandyRep. R. WilcoxSen. D. Hinkins

Sen. J. Iwamoto Rep. B. King

Rep. P. Lyman Rep. D. Owens Rep. C. Snider

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Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.